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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

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Security Council

- 10 a.m. 5573rd meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Children and armed conflict¹
Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict (S/2006/826)

¹ Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

- 10 a.m. 58h plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
1. The situation in Afghanistan [16]
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/326)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.25)
 2. Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade: draft resolution (A/61/L.28) [155]
 3. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) [58]
 4. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592) [117]

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).



General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees**Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

3-6 p.m.

27th meeting

Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
(A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172)

[31]

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and
A/C.4/61/L.12*

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human
Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500,
A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327)

[32]

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.14,
A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18*

Third Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

53rd meeting

Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective
enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

[67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

2. Report of the Human Rights Council

[68]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto;
A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1) and draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58*

3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

[110]

*Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-second session
(A/C.3/61/L.61)*

4. Programme planning

[118]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

*Agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6
(Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5),
A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6
(Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6
(Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6
(Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6
(Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6*

(Prog. 26), A/61/6 (Prog. 27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1)); and

Agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.12, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350));

3-6 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/56/767 and A/C.5/61/11));

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10

3-6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 28 November 2006, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, (Angola) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Dean Bialek (Australia), under agenda 42 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) — Proclamation of International Years

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Japan).

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the *back of the Conference Room 2*.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1120.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

The organizational meeting of the Disarmament Commission, scheduled for *today*, 28 November 2006, has been cancelled until further notice.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 28 November 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the theme of the annual ministerial-level substantive review of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Hjalmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 28 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*, to discuss the theme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

Informal consultations convened by delegations**Tuesday, 28 November 2006****Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Back of Conference Room 1
3-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
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Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

3-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3-5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

3-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
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Other meetings*The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.***Tuesday, 28 November 2006****JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee matters)**

9-9.45 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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Eastern European States Group (at the expert level)

9.45-10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))

10 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on the themes for the Economic and Social Council)

10-11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development; and report on all macroeconomic draft resolutions)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on proclamation of international years; globalization and interdependence; and Convention on Biological Diversity)

1.15-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (report on all draft resolutions on sustainable development)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on training issues and the implementation of the Revised Integrated Mission Planning Process (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

3-5 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Panel discussion on "From Bosnia to Sierra Leone: An encounter with two children of war", on the occasion of the debate of the Security Council on children and armed conflict (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gerard (tel. 1 (212) 963-0984; e-mail gerardl@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Room S-226

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| 11.15 a.m. | Dr. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Avian Flu and Human Influenza (on the International Conference on Avian Influenza, to be held in Bamako (Mali) from 6 to 8 December 2006) |
| 12 noon | Briefing by the Spokesman |
| 1 p.m. | H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima (Japan); and Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians For Global Action (on the annual forum, to be held in Japan on 4 and 5, December 2006) |

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m.

59th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [14]
 - (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)
 - (c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)
 - (b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deldre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Solemn meeting

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. Representatives of all Permanent and Observer Missions and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to discuss the role of the Economic and Social Council system in the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will focus on issues pending from the 2006 substantive session of the Council as well as issues emanating from the consultations convened by the Vice-Presidents currently under way.

Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)¹ on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

¹ To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

African Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters) (at the expert level)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitar.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Other forthcoming activities

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Global forum on “Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development” (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Wednesday 29 November 2006:

Screening of the film entitled "The colour of olives", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Contextualization: A Palestinian narrative", at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Briefing on "AIDS in Eastern Europe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylor@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Third Committee

52nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63 (a)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.12

The representative of Cuba made a statement and announced that draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.12 was withdrawn.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/61/41 and A/61/41/Corr.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 63, as a whole.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [67 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1 and statement of programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/61/L.56

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The representative of Myanmar moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of China and Cuba; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Norway and New Zealand.

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 77 to 64, with 30 abstentions.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/61/L.56.

The representative of Finland made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of Myanmar, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 79 to 28, with 63 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Belarus and Indonesia. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan and Costa Rica.

The representative of Georgia made a statement regarding her vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar and Costa Rica.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.40

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of China and Cuba; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) and the United States.

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 75 to 67, with 31 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement, orally revised the text, and announced that Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.40, by a recorded vote of 70 to 31, with 67 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan and Costa Rica.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Belarus and Costa Rica.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Belarus.

The Committee rejected draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.42, by a recorded vote of 114 to 6, with 45 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Egypt, Algeria and Uganda. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Brazil, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Canada and Australia, also on behalf of New Zealand.

The Committee rejected draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.43, by a recorded vote of 107 to 6, with 49 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Kuwait and Algeria. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Sudan, Brazil, Costa Rica, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement on organization of work.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)¹

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

Accession: Montenegro (22 November 2006)¹

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: Turkey (24 November 2006)¹

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Succession: The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (22 November 2006)¹

Accession: El Salvador (27 November 2006)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: El Salvador (27 November 2006)¹

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: San Marino (27 November 2006)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:

Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:

El Salvador

H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:

Luxembourg

H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 27 November 2006.

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A/61/PV.27	Meeting held on 9 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A E R]
A/61/PV.28	Meeting held on 12 October 2006, 10 a.m. [A E]
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A/61/251/Add.2	Agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/252/Add.3	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/427	Item 58 — Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/525/Add.2	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the

General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster II. Sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/558

Item 108 (r) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — Letter dated 31 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/61/591

Items 129 and 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Financial and any other implications resulting from the introduction of a staff retention bonus at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/594-S/2006/916

Items 13 and 14 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 22 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.29

Item 108 (e) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community — Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago: draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.35

Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution — Jerusalem [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.36

Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution — The Syrian Golan [A C E F R S]

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Item 60 — Social development — Letter dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United

Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

S/2006/888*

Reissued for technical reasons [E R S]

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Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Identical letters dated 22 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms
of Discrimination against Women****Documents**

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Discrimination against Women
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Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Nicaragua [A C E F R S]

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